WASHINGTON, DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2021

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and during this month and throughout the year, we strive to improve domestic violence awareness, develop collaborations between public and private stakeholders to end domestic violence in the District, and offer services to support survivors as they navigate towards safety; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior used to exert power and control over an intimate partner that jeopardizes the security and well-being of District residents, and that these destructive acts will not be tolerated in the District of Columbia; and



WHEREAS, the pandemic has created extensive challenges for all DC residents, and domestic violence services providers in the District have responded to these challenges by finding new and innovative ways to connect with survivors and their communities, bringing much needed attention to domestic violence issues, and that, throughout October, we encourage DC residents to engage in District supported awareness-raising activities; and

WHEREAS, all DC residents deserve to feel safe, respected, and supported by the agencies and organizations that serve them, and that the DC government and domestic violence service providers across the District are committed to the principles of racial equity, inclusion, and accessibility for all survivors and will continue to fight against any systemic oppressions that exist in our community:

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON DC, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" in Washington, DC.

